GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1841
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AGREEMENT FOR LAYING TRANSMISSION LINE IN AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation has signed any MoU with the Government of Afghanistan for laying a 300 Km. power transmission line in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefits accrued to the Government there from; and

(d) the time by which the work on the line is likely to be undertaken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has not signed any MOU with Government of Afghanistan for laying a 300 km power transmission line in Afghanistan. Government of Afghanistan had requested Government of India for construction of a transmission line from Pul-E-Khumri to Kabul in Afghanistan for import of power from Uzbekistan. PGCIL has carried out survey and soil investigation on a major part of the route of the transmission line and has submitted Detailed Project Report to Ministry of External Affairs.

(c) : The project has been envisaged as part of India`s commitment to assist Afghanistan in its reconstruction effort. It will enhance India`s image as a major partner of Afghanistan and will introduce its capability in a new area of activity with potential future commercial spin offs.

(d) : The decision to implement this transmission line would depend upon the result of the complete survey and soil investigation.